

Trinity College
Office of Spiritual
and Religious Life

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Dear Trinity College Faculty and Staff:

The Office of Spiritual and Religious Life would like to support each of you as we begin the 2022-2023 Academic Year by sharing our **Calendar of Religious Holidays**. This resource, created with the support of Harvard Divinity School's Office of the Chaplain and Religious and Spiritual Life, is intended to help you create your calendars and events with a mind towards the religious and cultural diversity of our community.

The **Calendar of Religious Holidays** is not an exhaustive list. The holidays included are those that may have some impact on observant students and could present a conflict with academic demands while school is in session. Requests for allowances based on sincerely held religious practices must be assessed by faculty and staff on an individual basis. It may however be prudent to avoid scheduling programs, events, or deadlines on some of these days, as some members of our community could be fasting, limiting work, or observing holidays in other ways.

Please be mindful that some observances require additional time for preparation and travel before and after the actual holy day. Faculty are encouraged to discuss religious allowances in their classes. Students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors, supervisors, and coaches directly, should a religious allowance be needed. You can find the **Religious Observance Form** and other resources on the Spiritual and Religious Life website under "Resources and Policies." Faculty might find it helpful to link to the form on their syllabi. The purpose of the form is to facilitate a conversation between students and faculty. Please note that the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) primarily supports students with disabilities and as such should not be seen a default resource when engaging with students who need religious allowances. Should you need additional support or resources, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office.

Thank you for making Trinity College a more inclusive campus.

Peace,

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